Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and,

Whereas, Low blood supply is a public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for our residents and visitors; and,

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there are more than 9.5 million blood donors in the United States, and an estimated 5 million patients receive blood annually; and,

Whereas, One pint of blood can save the lives of up to 3 patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate at any given time, less than that eligible population actually participate in blood donation each year; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the Dr. Daliah Show, United Blood Services, and many others; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to replenish our supply through donation and community awareness:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017, as

SOUTH DAKOTA BLOOD DONATION DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all people of South Dakota to support our local blood drives, as saving lives and protecting our citizens is our primary goal.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State